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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed on June 6, 2003, wherein Claims 1-16 were rejected. Claim 17 has been added. Claims 1-17 remain pending.

Objections to Drawings

On page 2 of the Office Action, the drawings were objected to because they failed to show the hazard switch within the passenger compartment of the vehicle in a first and second position. Figures 1, 2A and 2B have been corrected to address the Examiner's objection. No new matter has been added.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

On page 2 of the Office Action, Claims 1 and 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 as not being enabling. The Examiner has requested that the Applicant define a hazard switch in the specification. Applicant has amended the specification to describe the hazard switch. No new matter has been added.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

On page 3 of the Office Action, Claims 1-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Bincardi in view Quesnel.

Bincardi does not disclose a hazard switch or a manual switch that is used to select the operation of a remote starting system. Rather, in Figure 2 and column 5, lines 34-47, Bincardi discloses a receiver 22 that is actuated by a radio signal. The receiver 22 is not a hazard switch, and it is not located in a passenger compartment. The receiver 22 is also not manually actuated as the operation of receiver 22 is automatic.

Quesnel does not disclose a hazard switch or a manual switch located in a passenger compartment of a vehicle to select the operation of a remote starting system. Quesnel discloses only an arming switch located in a vehicle glove box or trunk: Bincardi and Quesnel, singly or in combination, do not teach the present claimed invention.

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The combination suggested by the Examiner is also inoperable. Bincardi has no electronic connections to allow the addition of an arming switch of Quesnel. Bincardi merely discloses a receiver that is operable to receive a radio command from a transmitter to turn a vehicle on. The receiver of Bincardi uses a sinking transistor to energize a coil that actuates the starting system of the vehicle.

Conclusion

The entire Office Action dated June 6, 2003 has been carefully reviewed, and this response is submitted as being fully responsive thereto. In view of the preceding remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-17 are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests such action at the Examiner's earliest convenience. If the Examiner believes that personal contact would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, he is requested to call the undersigned at his earliest convenience.

If for some reason a fee needs to be paid, please charge Deposit Account No. 07-0960 for the fees which may be due.

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